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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 2, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

Japanese Patent Publication No. 7 (1995)-17041 describes an easily openable unoriented hermetically sealed enclosure comprising a sealant of a composition composed of polypropylene and an ethylene/ α -olefin random copolymer and an adherend of polypropylene. This publication is directed to an enclosure wherein a sealant having such a noncompatible phase structure that polypropylene is contained as a matrix phase while the ethylene/ α -olefin random copolymer is contained as a dispersion phase is employed so that cohesive failure is caused at the time of peeling to easily open. ~~thereby attain easy accessibility.~~ In the noncompatible phase sealant capable of attaining the easy openness, although the sealing strength can be controlled by the configuration of dispersion phase, the dispersion phase is oriented at the time of film formation with the result that the sealing strength in the direction of flow (MD) at film formation is different from that in the direction perpendicular thereto (TD). Further, because polypropylene and the ethylene/ α -olefin random copolymer have low melt tension, extrusion laminating of a mixture thereof brings about a neck-in increase. Still further, inflation molding thereof possesses such a problem that disadvantages such as poor bubble stability would occur.

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Please replace the paragraph starting at page 7, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

An easily openable hermetically sealed package of the present invention can be, for example, one comprising a cover made of a sealant laminate and a cup made of a resin layer of polypropylene ~~(II), wherein the~~ (II). The sealant laminate has a structure such that one side of a sealant layer (I) consisting essentially of the sealant for polypropylene according to the present invention is overlaid with a resin layer of polypropylene (II) by laminating; and such that another side, opposite to the side overlaid with the resin layer of polypropylene (II), of the sealant layer (I) is overlaid by laminating with a base layer (III), the base layer (III) is selected from the group consisting of a polyester, a polyamide, a metallized film, an aluminum foil and a polyolefin; the above base layer (III) and sealant layer (I) each having a thickness of 5 to 100 μm .